

## Reason

1. Simple sentence	I came to Malaysia. I wanted to study English and start a degree.
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*Because - to give a reason.*

Version one	Version two
I came to Malaysia, <b>because</b> I wanted to study and start a degree.	<b>Because</b> I wanted to study English and start a degree, I came to Malaysia.
The flight was canceled <b>because</b> of bad weather.	<b>Because</b> of the bad weather, the flight was canceled.
I have been studying for 5 hours every day <b>because</b> I have a very important test that I have to take.	<b>Because</b> I have a very important test that I have to take, I have been studying for 5 hours every day.

Note\* In version two there is a **comma** after the first clause.

**Because** English is important for my future, \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **because** I didn't study enough.

*Make a new example:* \_\_\_\_\_

2. Simple sentence	It is raining. I have brought an umbrella.
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*Since - to give a reason that an action has happened at a specific time.*

Version one	Version two
<b>Since</b> it is raining now, I have brought an umbrella.	I have brought an umbrella <b>since</b> it is raining now.
<b>Since</b> the earthquake hit 3 years ago, people have been working hard to rebuild their lives.	The people have been working hard to rebuild their lives <b>since</b> the earthquake hit 3 years ago.
<b>Since</b> the team won the competition last night, they have been celebrating.	They have been celebrating <b>since</b> the team won the competition last night.

Note\* **Ever since** is the same as **since** and is usually used for emphasis.

**Since** moving to Malaysia last year, \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Since** I failed the test.

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**Make a new example:** \_\_\_\_\_

3. Simple sentence	Students are increasingly using smart phone during the lesson. Teachers must find ways to reduce their use.
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*As - to give a reason, but it is a little more formal.*

Version one	Version two
<b>As</b> students are increasingly using smart phones during the lesson, teachers must find ways to reduce their use.	Teachers must find ways to reduce the use of smart phones <b>as</b> students are increasingly using them during the lesson.
<b>As</b> tuition fees become more expensive, students must find part time work to help pay for their living expenses.	Students must find part time work to help pay for their living expenses <b>as</b> tuition fees become more expensive.
<b>As</b> I have too many deadlines, I cannot finish this homework by Friday.	I cannot finish this homework by Friday, <b>as</b> I have too many deadlines.

Note\* **As** is most commonly used in version two.

**As** weather in Malaysia is hot and humid, \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ **as** I am too busy with homework.

**Make a new example:** \_\_\_\_\_

Note\* Look at the two examples below and note the difference in word use and tense.

**Since** + verb+**ing**

**Since** moving**ing** to Malaysia, I have made a lot of new friends.

**Since** + pronoun + simple tense

**Since** I moved**ed** to Malaysia, I have made a lot of new friends.

**Because** + verb+**ing**

**Because** study**ing** English is difficult, I have asked my friend to help me.

**Because** + pronoun + simple tense

**Because** I find English difficult, I have asked my friend to help me.